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TAGS: OVIP
SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM'S TRIP

REFS: A) STATE 166228 B) STATE 165179

1. WE LOOK FORWARD TO UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM'S RRIP.
AMBASSADOR AND MRS. WEST INVITE THE UNDERSECRETARY AND MR.
FORBES
TO BE THIER GUESTS AT THE RESIDENCE.

2. BECAUSE OF SAUDI WEEKEND WE HAVE WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY
REACHED SAG DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER THUNAYYAN TODAY JUNE 30.
THUNAYYAN SAID THAT SAG WELCOMES VISIT AND LOOKS FORWARD
TO THE OPPORTUNITY FO FURTHER EXPLORING GENERAL POLITICAL
AND SECURITY SITUATION IN AREA IN WAKE OF RECENT EVENTS IN
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NORTH YEMEN AND PDRY.

3. FOREITN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD, WHO HAS ALREADY APPROVED OF
THE UNDER SECRETARY'S VISIT TO KINGDOM, REPORTEDLY RETURNED
TO RIYADH YESTERDAY. HE COULD NOT RPT NOT BE REACHED, BUT
WE EXPECT HIM TO BE AVAILABILE JULY 18, AS WELL AS MFA
UNDERSECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS MANSOURI AND THUNAYYAN.

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CROWN PRINCE FAHD MAY ALSO BE AVAILABLE.

4. DURING THE TIME OF THE UNDER SECRETARY'S VISIT, SAUDI GOVERNMENT WILL BE MOVING FROM RIYADH TO TAIF BY WAY OF JIDDA. IF SAG OFFICIALS ARE NOT HERE IN JIDDA, EMBASSY C-12 WILL BE USED FOR 30-MINUTE SHUTTLE TO TAIF.

5. HERE IS SUGGESTED SCHEDULE FOR UNDER SECRETARY'S VISIT:

MONDAY, JULY 17

1805 ARRIVE JIDDA FROM KARACHI ABOARD SV 165. MET AT PLANESIDE BY AMBASSADOR WEST. PROCEED TO RESIDENCE.

2030 DINNER AT RESIDENCE HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR AND MRS. WEST. SENIOR EMBASSY OFFICERS INCLUDED.

TUESDAY, JULY 18

AM CALLS ON SENIOR SAG OFFICIALS AS ARRANGED IN JIDDA OR TAIF, PRECEEDED BY COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFINGS.

LUNCH

CALLS ON SAG OFFICIALS, CONSULTATIONS AS ARRANGED, WITH OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH JUNIOR OFFICERS AND SPOUSES.
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EVENING DINNER WE EXPECT EITHER LUNCH OR DINNER TO BY HOSTED BY SAG.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

0950 DEPART JIDDA FOR LONDON ABOARD SV 173

6. POLITICAL COUNSELOR H. EUGENE BOVIS WILL BE CONTROL OFFICER.
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